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INTER OFFICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the 43rd meeting, held on 5 February 1958, at 1000 hours, in Room 1521, Barton Hall.

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OSI - Chairman
 RSB/SR
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 S/COMM/ORR
 OCI
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OSI - secretary

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1. The minutes of the 43rd meeting (5 February) were approved with the following change: Paragraph 6, line 7, delete "is against their" and substitute "cannot substantially increase its".

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2. [REDACTED] reported that the ODM draft statement of a policy paper, related to modification of paragraph 5b of NSC-169, has been coordinated with CIA, State, DOD and Bureau of Budget with minor changes only. It is now under consideration by ODM's NSC Affairs Staff, and will go to the Director ODM for approval by the end of this week. There has been no response from ODM concerning this committee's informal proposal that [REDACTED] be used for increased monitoring of the radio spectrum as called for under 5b.

3. [REDACTED] read a letter, dated 27 January 1958, from the Director, NSA, to the DCI, which accepted CIA's proposal to assign an RSB Liaison Officer at NSA in lieu of relocating RSB at Fort Meade. The consensus of the Committee was that this was a favorable response and may possibly indicate some relaxation of NSA's policy against release of frequency usage data to RSB.

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4. On the Embassy monitoring program [REDACTED] reported that 3000 observations had been received [REDACTED] since September on VOA, RFE and RIN broadcasts. He further reported that OSI has approved a request for [REDACTED] to procure improved fixed and portable radio equipment and recorders for the Embassy collection program.

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5. [REDACTED] reported that Broadcast Evaluation reports have been slowed by loss of personnel in the EMW Branch, OSI. An attempt to accelerate the reporting is being attempted by contractor assistance.

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6. [REDACTED] presented a redraft of a memo to the DCI on Project [REDACTED]. A discussion on customer usage of the information from [REDACTED] followed. [REDACTED] felt the scope of the project should not be limited to Soviet amateurs. The Committee agreed that the project is directed toward collection of information from Soviet amateurs but not limited to the Soviet Orbit. [REDACTED] said NSA should be informed of the operation as well as Army, Navy and Air Force, and data falling within the province of NSA interests should be forwarded to them. The draft memo was accepted with minor changes to be made by [REDACTED]. The final version will be forwarded by the Chairman to those officials who concurred in the original staff study for their comments and concurrence.

7. [REDACTED] asked the Committee for comments on the draft memo to the founders of IOTAC concerning the mission of the Committee. There was a discussion on the recommendation "that the mission of IOTAC be extended to the whole field of telecommunications", which would suggest changes in the mission or charter. [REDACTED] appointed [REDACTED] as a working group to consider further changes and necessary exhibits to the draft memo.

8. [REDACTED] reported that ODM had submitted a paper to the President concerning the status of U. S. international broadcasting facilities. The paper included an appendix which concerns RFE and RLN. This appendix contains inaccurate statements which will be reconsidered.

9. [REDACTED] noted that a TPIB "Report on Signal Monitoring", dated January 17, was to be presented at the Board (OCB) Assistants meeting on February 7. [REDACTED] had assisted in the TPIB presentation. The Board Assistants activities in CIA was being monitored by [REDACTED]

11. The meeting closed at 12:30 hours. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 5 March 1958. *Run 2701, Burton Null
(usually 1521.)*

Respectfully submitted,

[REDACTED]
Secretary